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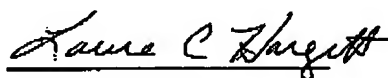
Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 8 and 20-24 are allowed. Note that the Office Action Summary indicates incorrectly that claim 1 is allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi (U.S. Patent No. 4588219). Claims 1 and 13 are amended herein to further detail the difference between the present invention and Kobayashi. In the present invention, the operator pushes all of the door handle inwardly relative to the exterior surface, releases the handle and then all of the handle is presented in a position outwardly of the exterior door surface, where it can then be manipulated as in a typical door handle. This detail is clearly shown in Figures 5-8. This is unlike Kobayashi where the operator pushes in just the upper half of door handle, which pivots to present the lower half of the door handle outwardly of the exterior door surface. With this amendment, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-3, 13-15 be allowed. It is not believed that this would require a further search or is new matter since the subject falls within the search territory of the currently allowed claims.

Claims 4-7 and 16-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any necessary supporting intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 4 and 16 have been amended and rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claims 1 and 13 respectively.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in a condition for allowance, which allowance is solicited. Please charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 07-0960.

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